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SUBJECT: FRELIMO CHIEF TALKS TO PRESS

1. SUMMARY: FRELIMO CHIEF MACHEL SAID ON RETURN FROM LUSAKA TALKS SEPTEMBER 9 THAT IF CHOSEN BY FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE HE WILL SERVE AS FIRST PRIME MINISTER IN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, BUT HIS NOMINATION NOT RPT NOT AUTOMATIC JUST BECAUSE HE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO. MACHEL STRESSED LUSAKA ACCORD WOULD SUCCEED BECAUSE IT IS WHAT PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGAL BOTH WANT AND IT HAS FULL SUPPORT OF ARMY. FRELIMO IS NOW IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH TOP PORTUGUESE LEADERS. RIGHTIST OPPOSITION IN LOURENCO MARQUES WOULD BE OVERCOME AND MACHEL DISMISSED ANY NOTIONS THAT FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE REACTIONARIES IN LOURENCO MARQUES ARE INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

2. FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AT HEAD 29-MAN DELEGATION RETURNED TO DAR ES SALAAM SEPTEMBER 9 FROM INDEPENDENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE IN LUSAKA. DELEGATION UNCLASSIFIED

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WELCOMED BACK BY FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS

SANTOS, TANZANIAN VICE MINISTER FOR AFFAIRS ISAAC SEPETU, OTHER OFFICIALS AND FRELIMO FOLLOWERS. MACHEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO PRESS ACCORDING SEPTEMBER 10 DAILY NEWS AT AIRPORT:

3. NEW FRELIMO-LED INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK.

4. ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD HEAD NEW GOVERNMENT AS PRIME MINISTER, MACHEL REPORTEDLY REPLIED QUOTE I AM A FRELIMO MILITANT. I ACT ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF FRELIMO. IF THEY CHOOSE ME TO BE PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, I WILL COMPLY. THAT I AM FRELIMO PRESIDENT DOES NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT I MUST BE PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. UNQUOTE.

5. SIGNING OF "LUSAKA ACCORD," MACHEL SAID, IS NEW STAGE PERMITTING FRELIMO QUOTE TO BUILD OUR COUNTRY, CONSOLIDATE INDEPENDENCE, AND EXTEND PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC POWER THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY UNQUOTE.

6. LUSAKA ACCORD STIPULATING INDEPENDENCE FOR MOZAMBIQUE JUNE 25, 1975 WILL SUCCEED MACHEL SAID BECAUSE OF FIVE FACTORS:

(A) PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO BURY FOREVER COLONIALISM AND TO ESTABLISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRACY.

(B) AFTER TEN YEARS OF STRUGGLE, PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE HAD ACQUIRED IMMENSE EXPERIENCE IN LIVING TOGETHER IN UNITY REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR SEX.

(C) LUSAKA ACCORD IS RESPONSIVE TO DEEPEST ASPIRATIONS OF MOZAMBIKANS AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL.

(D) PORTUGUESE PEOPLE THEMSELVES ARE READY TO STOP THE SYSTEM WHEREBY THEIR CHILDREN WERE BEING USED AS TOOLS OF RETROGRESSION AND DEATH.

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(D) IN PORTUGAL THERE ARE PROGRESSIVE FORCES REPRESENTED BY MOVEMENT OF ARMED FORCES WHICH WANT TO SEE AN END TO COLONIALISM.

7. MACHEL PRAISED STEADFAST SUPPORT THROUGHOUT FRELIMO STRUGGLE OF ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA, SPECIFICALLY COMMENDING IMPORTANCE OF THESE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS SANCTUARIES FOR FRELIMO FIGHTERS.

8. MACHEL DESCRIBED THOSE WHO HAVE SEIZED RADIO STATION IN LOURENCO MARQUES AS A SMALL GROUP COMPOSED OF "PIDE AGENIUM RACIST WHITE REACTIONARIES" WHO TRYING TO JEOPARDIZE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT BETWEEN PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGAL. THEY ALSO SEEKING UPSET LUSAKA ACCORD, BUT THEY WOULD FAIL BECAUSE THERE WAS UNITY TODAY BETWEEN PEOPLE OF PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE STANDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE ARMY. FRELIMO IS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH TOP PORTUGUESE HIERARCHY "FROM PRESIDENT SPINOLA TO PRIME MINISTER GONSJES, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, COSTA GOMES AND THE MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, MAJOR MELLO ATUNES." MACHEL "DISMISSED ANY NOTIONS THAT FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE REACTIONARY BANDITS IN LOURENCO MARQUES WERE INVOLVED."
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